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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR HAHM

1. AMBASSADOR HAHM PAID A COURTESY CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY INGERSOLL JUNE 26 PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE DURING THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 29 FOR MONTH LONG CONSULTATIONS IN SEOUL. ROK POLITICAL COUNSELOR KIM TAE ZHEE AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF KOREAN AFFAIRS D. L. RANARD WERE PRESENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO HAHM'S INQUIRY AS TO WHAT MESSAGE HE SHOULD TAKE BACK WITH HIM, INGERSOLL SAID THE QUESTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE OF INCREASING CONCERN TO THE CONGRESS. HE RECOUNTED HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES IN TESTIFYING BEFORE VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND INFORMED HAHM THAT ALL EA POSTS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BRING THE LANGUAGE OF SECTION 32 OF THE FY 73 AID BILL TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS. INGERSOLL POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE PRESENT SECTION STATES THE SENSE OF CONGRESS AND HAS NO ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS, THE LOGICAL NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO MAKE IT MANDATORY. HE ALSO CALLED TO HAHM'S ATTENTION THE RECENT FAILURE OF A TROOP REDUCTION AMENDMENT TO THE AID BILL BY ONLY TWO VOTES AS ANOTHER AND RELATED INDICATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MOOD.

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2. IN OTHER DISCUSSIONS, HAHM ASKED AGAIN FOR U.S. SUPPORT
IN MAKING HEADWAY IN OBTAINING RECOGNITION FROM COMMUNIST

COUNTRIES AND THOSE FRIENDLY TO NORTH KOREA. BOTH INGERSOLL
AND RANARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE PROBLEM, BUT POINTED OUT THAT
EVEN THE CURRENT TREND TOWARD RECOGNITION OF THE NORTH BY
FRIENDS OF THE ROK FURTHERED THE TWO KOREA CONCEPT AND
SUGGESTED THE ROK CONSIDER EXPLOITING THIS IDEA. SISCO

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